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<u>Mission</u>: Plan, direct and control all air operations in support of amphibious forces, and provide combat-ready-detachments to deployed Amphibious Ready Groups.

TACRON TWELVE APR/MAY/JUNE

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK.



TACRON TWELVE
Commanding Officer,
CDR Paul 'Veg' Bandini





TACRON TWELVE
Executive Officer,
CDR Ryan 'Flip' Phillips



"You are this generations heroes!"

Howdy TALONS! It has been a fantastic several months here at TACRON TWELVE and I have never been more proud of the amazing men and women who make up this extraordinary command!

To start off, I would like to thank all the men and women who participated and made possible the Change of Command ceremony in March. Your hard work and dedication made it a truly special event, so on behalf of the entire Bandini Family, Thank You!

A very big WELCOME HOME to all the members of Detachment ONE who recently returned safely back to San Diego. Detachment ONE performed brilliantly during their deployment out to the Western Pacific on board USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) supporting Amphibious Squadron ELEVEN, the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, and the Republic of Korea Navy and Marine Corps during exercises Amphibious Integration Training, Certification Exercise 14-1, SSANG YONG 2014 and Fleet Synthetic Training-Joint 14-72. They also participated in the rescue efforts of the Korean Ferry SEWOL which capsized just off the coast of Korea. Their heroic efforts brought international attention and they were constantly on CNN and numerous other news networks valiantly working to save the lives of the 476 passengers onboard. Thank you Detachment ONE for not only doing a phenomenal job of representing TACRON TWELVE but the entire US Navy...you truly were a 'Global Force for Good'!

Our very own Detachment FOUR has been busy getting underway with USS PELELIU (LHA 5) and Amphibious Squadron THREE preparing for participation in the upcoming Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2014 Exercise. It has been a few years since TACRON TWELVE has been called upon to execute our 'Water Front' mission in support of a San Diego based amphibious ship and so far Detachment FOUR has done a super job of getting ready to deploy. Keep up the great work Detachment FOUR!

A great big WELCOME ABOARD aboard to our new Executive Officer, CDR Ryan "Flip' Phillips and his family. CDR Phillips is one of the best H-60 pilots in the US Navy and it is a true privilege to have him and his family join our TACRON TWELVE Team. I couldn't ask for a better Officer and Naval Aviator than CDR Phillips and I look forward to working with him over the next year. Welcome to the TALON Family Flip, Molly, Avery and Piper!

In closing I would like to thank each of you and your families for your service, for your courage, for your sacrifice, for your dedication, for your devotion, and most importantly thank you for contributing to the legacy that is Tactical Air Control Squadron TWELVE!

"MISSION FIRST, SAILORS ALWAYS!"

TALON PRIDE!

FROM THE MASTER CHIEF'S DESK

By CMC TAYLOR



Greetings Talons!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those involved in the retirement ceremony for Chief Saalfrank....you made me proud in your professionalism and execution of a time honored Naval tradition.

Sideboys: AC2 Hall, OS2 Walters, YN1 Voyce, AC1 Bischoff, AC2 Gupton, AC2 Anderson

Color Guard: AC2 Seaton, AC3 Brown, AN Massari, AC3 Goldschmidt



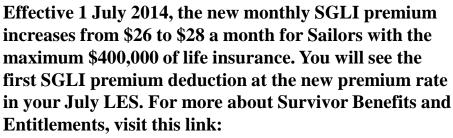
Flag Detail: ACAR Gomez, OSSA Bishop, AC3 Coakley, AC3 Dellorso, OS2 Johnson, IT1 Gilbert.....BZ

*****Welcome Aboard*****

OSSR Oberg, ACAA Crowell, ACAN Parker, ACAR Corey, AN Duncan



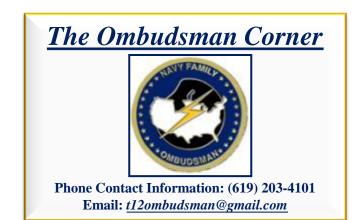




http://www.public.navy.mil/bupersnpc/support/casualty/benefits/Pages/default.aspx.







Hello Tacron 12 Family! Your TACRON 12 Command Family Ombudsman:

I am honored to contribute to this edition of The Talon Times. It is always a joy to interact with the command and their families! As always, I encourage you to help me help you. Please feel free to contact me and let me know what topics interest you most. I am here for you!

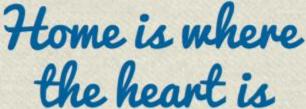
I have decided that I will follow my own advice and take some of the workshops offered by FFSC. Unless otherwise noted, register for workshops at :

866-923-6478 or FFSCWorkshops@mwrsw.com.
You can even call to schedule an individual appointment on any of these topics. It's up to you!



The Ombudsman Corner







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The Ombudsman Corner





Did your spouse recently deploy? Don't forget that The United States Postal Service (USPS) offers FREE packing material to families of military members deployed Overseas! To order call: (800) 610-8734. Press "1" (For English).

Press "1" again (For Operator). Ask for the "Carekit04".







This Military OneSource Navy portal allows access to Navy-specific news, resources and social media with a simple click. Navy's fleet and family programs provide a full array of services, information and tools to assist Sailors and family members in achieving personal and career goals as they excel in meeting the obligations and challenges of Navy life through resilience and self-reliance.

Call. Click. Connect.

http://www.militaryonesource.mil/navy



June was Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month. Although we've entered into July, I still feel it's important to share. PTSD is a serious condition that affects a growing number of wounded warriors and their families. To learn more about PTSD and find helpful resources or to access information on warrior care, contact Navy Wounded Warrior - Safe Harbor at 855-NAVY WWP (855 628-9997), navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil or http://safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil

FOCUS: Family Resiliency TrainingTM for Military Families

Strengthening the Home Base!

FOCUS (Families Over Coming Under StressTM) provides resiliency training to military children and families. It also teaches practical skills to meet the challenges of deployment and reintegration, to communicate and solve problems effectively and to successfully set goals together and create a shared family story.

Site Location

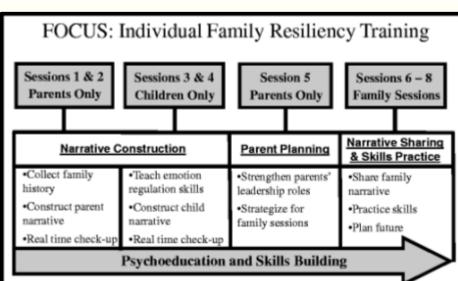
Naval Base San Diego San Diego, CA 92136

Dolphin Alley, Bldg. 265

Phone 619.556.6075 Fax 619.556.6076

SanDiego@focusproject.org









Meeting Your Needs at Home & at Sea

FFSP provides services through the Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSC) such as relocation assistance, new parent support, deployment services, clinical counseling services, financial management counseling, family employment services, family advocacy and the relocation assistance programs to assist service members and their families in need. FFSC has also recently opened a NEW SANTEE BRANCH!

One Call Serves All!

For 24/7 assistance at any Navy Region Southwest FFSC, call 1-866-923-6478. For more information on Fleet and Family Support Programs, please http://navylifesw.com/sandiego/families/ffsc/.



Career Services



Command Leadership Corner



Counseling and Assistance



Deployment Support



Disaster Preparedness



Family Enrichment



Financial Support



Relocation Support



Retiree Support



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Fleet & Family Support Center Locations (Near TACRON TWELVE)

Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, Closed Sat., Sun., and holidays (unless otherwise noted)

Naval Base San Diego 3005 Corbina Alley Bldgs. 259 & 263

San Diego, CA (619) 556-7404 **Naval Base Coronado**

318 Saufley Rd. Bldg. 318 San Diego, CA

(619) 545-6701



The Omb<mark>udsman Corner</mark>

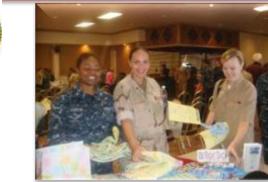
Mission

Service to all junior enlisted military families of all faiths in gratitude for their service.

San Diego Military Outreach Ministries (MOM) is a community supported charity that reaches out to young enlisted military families (E-5 and below and wounded warriors) in San Diego with a broad range of helping services. Among the services listed below, they also host regular motivational briefings on base.

(For more details, visit www.sandiegomom.org, or call (619) 461-4164.





Children's & Infant's Supplies...



Food bags & Gift Cards



... to include diaper bags filled with personal items



Household Goods & Furniture





Toys & Bikes



Baby Showers At Navy/Marine Bases



Family Readiness Gatherings & Holiday Events







Celebrating Young Military Families



Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society



The mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members and survivors when in need and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs.

Our Vision: We are a private, non-profit, volunteer, service organization. As a Center of Excellence, we are committed to ensure that all available resources are used to assist personnel of the Naval Services - active, retired, and their eligible family members to achieve financial self-sufficiency and find solutions to emergency needs.

NMCRS San Diego, FSO
Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
Bldg. 270, 3115 Dolphin Alley; PO Box 131470
Naval Base San Diego
San Diego, CA 92170

Hours: Mon-Fri 0800-1600 Phone: (619) 238-1587/1589 DSN: 526-8283 Fax: (619) 531-0083

Email: barry.white@nmcrs.org

Navy College Opportunities



Visit your local Navy College office! Navy College professionals provide educational services worldwide, anytime, anyplace to Sailors and their families, supporting their life-long learning goals and the Navy's mission. The following link provides information regarding the SOCNAV program and other benefits available to military families. Take full advantage of all of the awesome resources Navy College has to offer and go back to school!

Website: http://www.soc.aascu.org/socnav/Spouses AidResources





American Red Cross



As a reminder, the American Red Cross has moved to a single telephone number for its emergency communication services.

All military members and their families can use one number: 877-272-7337 (U.S. Toll Free) to send an urgent message to a service member. This means that all military members and their families can use this single number to initiate an emergency communication, regardless of where they live.

A call to 877-272-7337 allows Red Cross emergency communications services to put military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, the birth of a service member's child or grandchild or when a family faces other emergencies.

Additional Red Cross services such as case management and emergency financial assistance also are available. For those stationed overseas, the three options for calling will remain the same: calling 877-272-7337 direct, accessing the number through a military operator or calling the local Red Cross station.

For more information about the American Red Cross, and how you can reach out and donate, visit their website at http://www.redcross.org/







Upcoming Events

Vintage T-Shirt 5k Run/1-Mile Walk

June 18• 10 am• FREE •Admiral Prout Field House Gym Participants receive a t-shirt from one of our past runs! Run begins at 10 am behind the Admiral Prout Field House Gym, BLDG 3278. Check-in at 9 am. Open to all ID cardholders. No phone registration is accepted. 619-556-7444. Command Deadline: Monday, June 9



Father's Day Buffet

June 16•Admiral Baker Club House
Your father deserves the very best, so treat him to a
delicious buffet for Father's Day at Admiral Baker
Clubhouse near Mission Valley. We offer world-class
guest service and a sumptuous full course buffet in our
stunning and unique locations.

Call for reservations and seating times today! 619-487-0016



Freedom Festival

July 4• 3-9 pm• FREE •NMAWC, Naval Base Point Loma FREE and OPEN to all authorized base personnel and family members! Take part in interactive family games, great music and the kids can enjoy the 'Fun Zone' inflatables! Don't forget to bring a bit of cash for some tasty summertime treats. Please remember, NO PORTABLE BBQ UNITS, ALCOHOL, GLASS, OR PETS ALLOWED.





Support the thousands of sailors in the San Diego area by sponsoring programs and events throughout the year.

Click the following link for more information: http://navylifesw.com/sandiego/about/sponsorship/

Morale, Welfare, Recreation



Our Talons have done a phenomenal job giving back to our community. Throughout the month of May, TACRON TWELVE has helped serve lunch at the San Diego Rescue Mission, and we've also done an outstanding job mentoring and interacting with the children at the Boys and Girls Club. In the month of June we will be volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, The Boys and Girls Club, San Diego Rescue Mission, and we will conduct a clothes drive for the Alpha Project. Thanks to those who have participated in the events, your acts of kindness are greatly appreciated.



Top Left: YNSA Santana, AC2 Seaton, ACAN Coakley, IT2 Pendley, AN Duncan

Top Right: AC3 Dellorso, AC2 Partlow, CS2 Smith, IT3 Wells

<u>Bottom</u>: OSSN Tran, YNSA Santana, AN Ayalarios, AC2 Murphy, AC3 Epps, CS2 Smith, AC3 Coakley, IT3 Wells, OS3 Colasito, AC2 Partlow





27FEB14 VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER Purple and Orange Paint!

Yes! You read that correctly! Home Depot was kind enough to donate all of their extra stock to the Veterans Service Center located on 56th and El Cajon. So who better to help the center put on all that multie color paint? You guessed it, your very own Talons! From morning to late afternoon these awesome Sailors worked hard to put the rainbow on those walls for all Veterans to feel at ease and at home. So thank you, for taking your time and your energy into those who served before us!

Detachment One

Editorial By: LT Omar Torres

TACRON TWELVE, DET ONE, onboard the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) began their offloading procedures in late April after successfully conducting joint-force operations in the U.S. SEVENTH Fleet Area of Responsibility.

During the patrol, the USS BONHOMME RICHARD participated in Exercise SSANG YONG with their counterparts from the Republic of Korea (ROK).



The exercise was the first to operate under a joint and combined Command & Control headquarters led by Rear Admiral Hugh Wetherald, Commander, Amphibious Forces SEVENTH Fleet; ROK Rear Admiral Chun Jungsoo, Commander, Flotilla Five; Brigadier General Paul Kennedy, Commanding General, 3d MEB; and ROK Brigadier General Cho Kang-jae, Deputy Commander Landing Force. The exercise brought together thousands of U.S and Korean Marines, thousands of U.S. and Korean Sailors, and over 20 multinational ships; all operating under one umbrella.



During SSANG YONG, landing craft transported 263 pieces of equipment weighing more than 1,500 tons. The equipment included M1A1 tanks, HMMVs, and Light Armored Vehicles. Air assets operated simultaneously with landing craft, safely transporting over 400 Marines from multiple naval ships, 6 tons of gear, and 15 tons of ammunition while closely monitored by skilled Talon controllers.

To ensure fluidity and effective coordination between ROK and U.S. forces, five Talons were hand selected to serve as Liaisons onboard the Landing Platform Helicopter LPH 6111, ROKS Dokdo. These LNOs included: LCDR Zaltsman, OS1 Tuiasosopo, AC1 Graeber, AC2 Onevathana, and AC2 Natividad. They proudly represented TACRON TWELVE. All of the coordination they accomplished unequivocally paved the way for a highly successful exercise.

"I really enjoyed the cross-training we did with our Korean counter-parts," said AC2 Natividad. "I liked how we shared knowledge and information, and how we learned from each other's cultures. ROK Navy took us in like family, namely ROK Chief Lim (Air traffic controller). Within days we were speaking some Korean, and the food was certainly

different from what we are used to. I am happy I got to experience that!"
Hard work was not the only appointment on DET ONE's schedule...fun was also penciled in. Thanks to CS1 Taylor, some of DET ONE Talons had the opportunity to fly on an MH-60S Helicopter.
Brigadier General Kennedy offered a motivational flight to CS1 Taylor (and a



few of his closest friends), as recognition for his hard work in the Flag Mess. In true Talon fashion, CS1 offered the flight to all his co-workers. As a result, AC2 Okamura, OS2 Mora, and OS3 Thomas were able to hop on the first possible sortie. Four other deserving Talons were scheduled to fly later that day (AC2 Murphy, AC3 Epps, AN AyalaRios, and AN Wagner), but the afternoon sortie cancelled before they were able to board. Another chance to board the MH-60S never materialized, but they were all grateful that CS1 gave them the chance to fly on a military helicopter. Another great opportunity was given to ACC Mobley, AC2 Okamura, AC2 Natividad, and OS3 Thomas, who were all able to ride a Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC) as a reward for their hard work. Though few and far between, time off was gainfully occupied and greatly appreciated. Little did the detachment realize, that moments later they would be called upon to aid a friend in need.

TACRON TWELVE, along with the USS BONHOMME RICHARD, and ROKS DOKDO demonstrated their ability to quickly respond to disasters in the Asian-Pacific region by assisting with the search and rescue efforts at the site of the sunken Korean ferry SEWOL, near the island of Jin-Do in the southern region of South Korea. The Korean Navy was the primary coordinator of the efforts and gladly accepted the support of their friends to the West and its ready aircraft arsenal.



The USS **BONHOMME** RICHARD was able to support the humanitarian efforts by providing search and rescue coverage with MH-60S helicopters, VM-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircrafts, UH-1Y Huey helicopters, and CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters. Once again TACRON ensured safe

passage to the 15 sorties aiding in the humanitarian efforts. As a result, all flights returned home safe.

If hard work is not enough, the Talons of TACRON TWELVE continued a relentless pursuit of learning and remaining gainfully employed by pushing toward Surface Warfare, Air Warfare, and TACC positional qualifications. Seven Talons successfully completed all requisites to earn an ESWS pin: ACC Mobley, AC1 Graeber, IS2 Thomsen, AC2 Stewart, OS2 Mora, IT2 Martinez, and OS2 Winston. While AC1 Graeber received his pin during the offload in White Beach, the other six eagerly await their respective ceremony to be pinned at Homeguard. Great job and keep it up Talons! Other Talons began their Aviation Warfare qualification, but due to time-on-ship requirements, they will not qualify until next deployment.

Either way, they are excited and ready to complete their unfinished journey as soon as time permits. Numerous Talons also upgraded or earned a TACC positional qualification. Overall the deployment was a great success. And as such, it set the bar even higher for future DETs to match.





From left to right: LTJG Pennington, AC2 Natividad, AN AyalaRios, LCDR Zaltsman, OS2 Mora, AC1 Murphy, LCDR Fellows, AC1 Graeber, AC2 Stewart, AN Wagner, AE3 Daley, ACC Mobley, AC3 SuarezCampos, AC2 Onevathana, AC3 Epps, CDR Biemiller, AC3 Evans, OS2 Winston, AC2 Murphy, OS1 Tuiasosopo, CS1 Taylor, LCDR Safron, IT2 Martinez, AC1 Gibbs, AC2 Okamura, OS3 Thomas, LT Torres, AC3 Darrough, IS2 Thomsen

Great news came to one of our own during the det. AE3 Daley received the unforgettable news that he had become a father. As soon as operationally feasible, we sent him home to be with his family. We did miss his presence, but we were happy that he was able to get back to his wife quickly.



"It is interesting to see how people from different backgrounds come together and become a family," stated AN Wagner, one of DET ONE's first-cruise Sailors. "In only a few months, relationship of co-worker to co-worker became that of brother-to-brother and brother-to-sister. It was really nice to see Talons truly come together in such a short amount of time."

In summary, the Talons of TACRON TWELVE DET ONE once again showed their abilities and esprit de corps during the Spring Deployment 2014. The job got done, and it got done right! Mission accomplished Talons! It is good to be home!

Detachment One Gallery



AAVs coming ashore during exercise SSANG YONG. These vehicles carry combat Marines into battle.



AAVs on the beach unloading Marines in South Korea during exercise SSANG YONG.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM EX





Provide air planning and non-radar procedural control to aircraft in support of HA/DR, DSCA, and Foreign Humanitarian Assistance.



TACRON TWELVE TALONS: AC3 DELLORSO, AC2 PARTLOW, AC3 MCCLENDON, AC3 PHILLIPS, AC2 ANDERSON, AC3 COAKLEY, AC2 SEATON, AC1 BISCHOFF

MMT- Marine ATC Mobile Team



The MMT is task organized to provide ATC support to MAGTF/Joint/Combined aviation assets in austere and/or improved landing environments.



TACRON TWELVE TALONS: AC3 Phillips and AC2 Boloson

TACRON TWELVE 2014 NAB CORONADO FLAG FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



TACRON 12 Football Returns to Glory By Coach Ed Murray

The Tacron 12 Flag Football team won the NAB Coronado Spring 2014 Flag Football tournament on 03 June, returning the first championship trophy to the squadron since Fall Softball 2012. The Talons defeated an undefeated EOD team, beating them twice in two days by a cumulative 37-0. The Talons proved a formidable challenge to every team they played, especially after the fortuitous return from deployment of key players from Det ONE. OS2 Winston successfully quarterbacked the offense to multiple touchdowns, strongly protected by AC3 Evans, IS2 Isabelle, and IS2 Martinez on the line. IS3 Venzant, CS1 Taylor, and IS2 Roy contributed to the running game, with rotating receivers IT2 Martinez, OS3 Thomas, Skipper Bandini and XO Phillips. The defense was spectacular! The line was freshly rotated among LCDR Murray, LCDR Pohl, CS1 Taylor, IS2 Richardson, and AC2 Stewart resulting in multiple sacks and rushed passes. The jewel of the team though, was the "No-Fly Zone" secondary, led by IS3 Venzant at Free Safety, with ACAN Crowell as Flex Safety, AC1 Gibbs at Linebacker and the talented OS3 Hodges and AC3 Phillips on the corners. Other players with key plays were AN Massari, YN3 Mutter, and AC2 Anderson. It was an extraordinary effort and the only disappointment will be the long wait until the Talons can defend their title this coming autumn. Until then, Bravo Zulu Talons!





TACRON TWELVE 2014 COMMAND LUAU



Welcome Aboard

CDR Butler CDR Moulis LCDR Pohl IT3 Bricker ACAN Parker

ACAN Hill ACAN Ramirez ACAA Corey ACAA Crowell OSSR Oberg

Fair Winds and Following Seas

CDR Teachout CDR Tobin MAJ Earhart AC2 Bertels AC2 Nguyen IS2 Brenner
YN2 Campoverde
YN3 Mutter
AN Massari
ACC Saalfrank

Awards

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

YN1 Voyce OS2 Johnson AN Massari

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

ACCM Taylor OSCS Rowlands AC1 Williams AC2 Matlock OS3 Harris

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

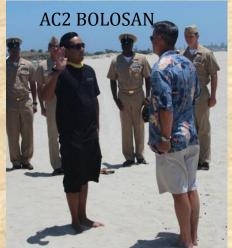
ACC Saalfrank AC1 Graeber AC1 Murphy AN Massari

NAVY MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL

MAJ Earhart

REENLISTMENTS









AC2 STEWART LS1 JAUREGUI

PINNINGS

Congratulations to the following on earning your warfare pins:

OS2 Winston
IS2 Thomsen
AC2 Stewart
IT2 Martinez
OS2 Mora



FROCKINGS

Congratulations to the following Sailors on their advancement.

AC1 Herrmann AC2 Seaton AC3 Hickman AC3 Evans

AE3 Daley AC3 Epps OS3 Hodges OSCS Rowlands





The Daley Family

Sailor of the Month



AC2 Hall

IA Sailor now in Djibouti



AC1 Murphy

TALON TIMES G*A*L*L*E*R*Y



DET ONE Returning Home from Deployment



AC3 Epps helping out at the Boys & Girls Club



AC3 Coakley and AC2 Torres at the Bridge Run



TACRON TWELVE Talons showing no mercy in Musical Chairs



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July

AC1 Williams
AC3 Phillips

AC3 Dellorso AC3 Evans

August

LCDR Pohl ACCM Taylor OS1 Tuiasosopo IS2 Isabelle AC2 Hall AN Massari

September

LCDR Fellows
LCDR Strzemienski
LT Kaplenk
LT Matsumoto
AC2 Okamura
OS2 Johnson

OS2 Walters
YN2 Campoverde
OS3 Thomas
ACAN Parker
AN Frigo
AR Duncan



CLOSING REMARKS

TACRON TWELVE has been steadfast throughout this year in accomplishing great things. DET ONE returned home proudly after a successful deployment. And that is just the beginning, we hope to hear even more wonderful news about DET FOUR and DET TWO in future editions of the Talon Times. Have a fun and safe summer! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK TALONS!!

TALON Times Newsletter Editor: IT2 Jessica Pendley

